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Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the specification of the above-identified patent application by replacing the first paragraph with the paragraph: "This is a national phase application based on International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/06862, filed March 15, 2000 and published in English on September 21, 2000, which claims priority as a continuation in part to United States Patent Application No. 09/268,303, filed March 15, 1999."

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